

Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District (KSSWCD)

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Counties Served Kootenai and Shoshone Counties

Legislative District(s) 2, 3, 4, 5



Conservation District Mission

“Putting Conservation on the ground by promoting stewardship”

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- The KSSWCD worked with 7 landowners within the Lake Creek watershed of Lake Coeur d'Alene under the WQPA Program, the following Best Management Practices (BMP's) were installed: 12 gully plugs to reduce erosion and sedimentation of Lake Creek, channel re-vegetation complete, 2 sediment retention ponds were seeded, and 3 ponds constructed. This work finalized the Lake Creek WQPA project.
- Under the Mica/Kidd Creek 319 project, the KSSWCD worked with 2 landowners in finalizing 2 sediment retention ponds, an off-site watering facility, and 7 grade stabilization structures. (See photo at right of NRCS Student Career Employment Program (SCEP) student and contractor after grade stabilization structures were installed.)
- Assisted 9 landowners in cooperation with the Natural Resource Conservation Service on new or existing EQIP contracts. Assisted with approximately 150 acreage modification contracts with USDA Farm Service Agency.
- Sold approximately 75,000 tree seedlings for conservation and reforestation within Kootenai and Shoshone counties in cooperation with the Panhandle Lakes Resource Conservation and Development Program (PLRC&D.)



Conservation District Priority # 1- Water Quality streams/rivers/aquifer

- Conducted Stream Visual Assessment Protocols (SVAP) within 2 separate watersheds in cooperation with the SCC and IASCD.
- Worked with 16 landowners and assessed approximately 6 miles of stream bank adjacent to agricultural land. SCC and KSSWCD met with landowners and provided BMP recommendations.
- 2 sediment retention ponds completed implementing portions of the Coeur d'Alene Lake Implementation Plan.
- Worked with approximately 300 landowners regarding Rathdrum Prairie-Spokane Valley Aquifer quality and quantity.

Conservation District Priority #2-Noxious Weeds

- Assisted over 2000 landowners on noxious weed identification and management within the District.
- Promoted the Eurasian Water milfoil reduction project on Hayden Lake and other surrounding lake Communities.
- Worked with Conservation Reserve Program recipients on weed eradication and control.

Conservation District Priority # 3- Prevention of unnatural stream/riverbank erosion

- Disseminated approx. 100 copies of the Coeur d'Alene Riverbank Stabilization Inventory to assist agency partners and landowners in the installation of cost efficient stabilization designs.
- Provided assistance to landowners in the implementation of vegetative and structural projects to prevent further erosion.
- Inventoried eroding streams along 7 miles of stream bank within 2 separate watersheds and provided recommendations to landowners.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Conducted field tour of completed WQPA contracts within the District, Assisted NRCS during the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force tour that was studying the crop residue disposal program, and worked with agency partners in holding an educational booth at the North Idaho Fair
- Organized and sponsored the 5th Annual Woodland Middle school Natural Resources Field Day (300 6th graders educated), provided watershed education utilizing Enviroscope model at the Pend O'reille Water Festival and Earth day Coeur d'Alene celebration, and assisted with the Idaho State Forestry Contest.
- The KSSWCD presented an educational PowerPoint presentation about Lake CDA and the basin to students and adults throughout the entire year.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Provided educational materials to the Hauser Lake Watershed Coalition at various meetings. Coordinated with IASCD and Idaho Department of Agriculture (ISDA) to provide a Lake*A*Syst presentation to the group. Currently working with the group on securing funds in order to implement the program. Assisted with TMDL revision process.
- Provided presentation and gained membership to the Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce Natural Resources Committee (This membership is a partnership effort with the PLRC&D.)
- Attended the Hayden Lake Watershed Assoc. meetings and assisted with TMDL revision process.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - To plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources. The amounts below consist of monies billed for and **received** from ongoing grants or entities in FY05.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Kootenai & Shoshone Counties	District Operations	\$9,000.00
State of Idaho (SCC)	District Operations	\$16,767.55
EPA/IDEQ	319 Non-Point Source Pollution	\$20,600.22
EPA/IDEQ	Basin Commission/ CDA Lake Education	\$2,391.16
NRCS	Non-Farm Bill/ Farm Bill 2002 assistance	\$3,824.60
Tree Sales Program	Reforestation/conservation	\$2,977.00
WQPA (SCC)	Water Quality (including admin.)	\$19,531.90 to landowners \$2,990.42 to District
Total:		\$58,550.95

Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners, operators, and communities with their conservation choices.



5th Annual Woodland Middle school Natural Resources Field Day (watershed model-Enviroscope)